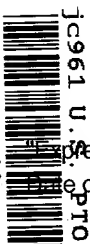
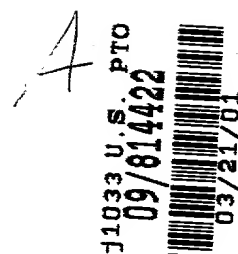


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Small Entity	
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	\$ 355
x\$9=	\$1044
x\$40=	\$560
+\$135=	\$135
Total	\$2094

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Rate	Fee
	\$ 710
x\$18=	\$
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